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Office of the United States Political
Adviser for Japan,
Tokyo, March 25, 1952.

INFORMAL OFFICIAL

Dear Noel:

With further reference to my letter of March 10 on the informal discussions with the Foreign Office on the FCN Treaty, I am enclosing copies of the memoranda of conversation on the fourth and fifth meetings. The Japanese have just submitted their comments and proposed corrections concerning the first two memoranda (covering the meetings of February 25 and 27). Their additional questions were clarified at a meeting a few days ago, and the Japanese agreed to accept the revised drafts as final memoranda on these two meetings. Copies of the revised memoranda are now being prepared as enclosures to a despatch for formal transmittal to the Department, together with a request for the Department's comments or clarification on any point where our explanations to the Japanese might be at variance with the Department's views.

The comments contained in the Department's telegram No. 2440 of March 12 (in response to the Mission's No. 1886 of March 10) with reference to Article VII of the standard draft were greatly appreciated. I called on Vice Minister Iguchi on March 14 to discuss the progress of the current talks, and took the opportunity of commenting that the position of the Ministry of Finance on Article VII would impair the integrity of the Treaty and threatened to create a situation which could not be resolved. I also expressed to Mr. Iguchi my view that the repeated arguments advanced by the Japanese representatives on minor points of phraseology did not seem to reflect his own views that no major differences of opinion existed and that the Treaty could be concluded in time for Diet approval in May. Mr. Iguchi again stated that, in his opinion, there were no serious difficulties involved and he promised to discuss these matters with appropriate officials in the Ministry of Finance and his own Ministry.

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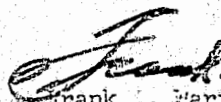
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Duke Diehl also talked informally with Minister Ikeda with respect to the Japanese objections to our Article VII, and Ikeda seemed much more conciliatory than his subordinates on this matter. As a result of these informal approaches, I trust that most of the points presently deferred by the Japanese will be resolved before formal negotiations begin.

It is our intention to conclude the present round of informal discussions with one or more review meetings for the purpose of clarifying pending questions and identifying any negotiation points. We would also utilize these review meetings to record any comments the Department might wish to make with reference to previous memoranda, as well as to correct any erroneous impression or interpretation given previously to the Japanese. I would therefore greatly appreciate your help in expediting the Department's comments in reply to each of our despatches (the first of which will go forward within the next few days) transmitting the various memoranda of conversation.

Accept cordial regards.

Sincerely,



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Counselor of Mission
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Enclosures:

Copies of Memoranda of Conversation on the fourth and fifth meetings, March 4 and 7, 1952.

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